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**CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
City Hall
23718 W US HWY 27**

APRIL 29, 2024

6:00 PM

**CHAIR SUE WELLER
MEMBER LYNN JAMISON
MEMBER JACOB NEWTON
MEMBER CHRISTY SWILLEY
MEMBER JULIE TAPIA-RUANO**

CALL TO ORDER:

SUE WELLER, CHAIR

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

ANGELA STONE, CITY CLERK

BUSINESS ITEMS.

- 1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2024, MINUTES**
- 2. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS**
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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**CHARTER REVIEW
BOARD: MINUTES
April 22, 2024**

Chair Weller called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Chair Sue Weller – Present
Member Lynn Jamison- Present
Member Jacob Newton - Present
Member Christy Swilley – Present
Member Julie Tapia-Ruano -Present

Staff Present:

Angela Stone, City Clerk
Jami Echeverri, Assistant City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of April 8, 2024 Charter Review Minutes.

Motion Member Newton to approve the minutes of the April 8th, 2024, Charter Review Meeting Minutes.

Second Member Swilley

Motion carried 5-0.

**2. DISCUSS POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER
AMENDMENTS**

Chair Weller reviewed the proposed language submitted by the Attorney and asked for any edits and opinions.

Member Jamison motioned to approve the charter amendment to section 2.03 as amended.

Motion Second Member Swilley

Motion Passed 5-0

Member Tapia-Ruano motioned to accept charter section 2.04 as amended.
Motion Second Member Newton
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Newton motioned to approve amended language with the addition of 'either publicly or privately directly or indirectly' to section 2.06
Motion Second Member Swilley
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Newton Motioned to approve amendment to section 3.04 number 11 with the language provided.
Motion Second Member Swilley
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Jamison motioned to approve section 5.02 as amended.
Motion Second Member Swilley
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Tapia-Ruano motioned to approve changes to section 5.05 list of properties as amended.
Motion Second Member Newton
Motion Passed 5-0

Attorney Walker advised he had received feedback from the Supervisor of Election Kim Barton, and she advised that in order to hold a run-off election she requires 4 weeks at minimum.

Member Jamison believes that (in section 4.08) implementing a run-off election would create too great of a burden and without an accurate voter representation.

Member Newton is also concerned about the time restriction proximity of a run-off election to the Christmas holidays further affecting the voter representation.

Member Jamison Motioned to add new language as discussed in section 2.02. (The candidate running for a party seat that receives the greatest number of votes is the winner. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the flip of a coin by the City Clerk on the day of the election)
Motion Second Tapia-Ruano
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Jamison Motioned to strike the last sentence of section 3.01 which permits the commission to combine the offices of City Clerk and City Manager.
Motion Second Member Swilley
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Swilley motioned to approve the addition of language to section 4.03.
Motion Second Member Tapia-Ruano
Motion Passed 5-0

Member Tapia-Ruano motioned to approve changes to section 5.04 as amended with the language of two new paragraphs drafted and provided by the attorney.

Motion Second Member Swilley

Motion Passed 5-0

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Linda Jones stated, and Chair Weller asked for it to be included in the record that she (Ms. Jones) does not approve of the “plurality” option regarding the election process in the Charter.

Member Newton motioned to adjourn.

Member Jamison seconded.

Chair Weller adjourned at 7:18 pm